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NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



September 5, 2007

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Air Force Master Sergeant from Martinez: Master Sgt. Patrick D. Magnani

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Master Sgt. Patrick D. Magnani, of Martinez, CA:

"Maria and I send our sincere condolences and prayers to the family and friends of Master Sergeant Patrick Magnani and the community of Martinez as they grieve the loss of this dedicated individual. Patrick's contributions to defending our nation and our freedoms deserve our eternal respect and gratitude. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him."

Magnani, 38, died Sept. 4 in a non-combat related incident near Bagram, Afghanistan. Magnani was assigned to the 31st Medical Support Squadron, United States Air Force, Aviano Air Base, Italy.

In honor of Master Sgt. Magnani, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



September 11, 2007

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Four Camp Pendleton Marines

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpl. Christopher L. Poole Jr. of Mount Dora, FL; Cpl. Bryan J. Scripsick of Wayne, OK; Staff Sgt. John C. Stock of Longview, TX; and Sgt. Michael J. Yarbrough, of Malvern, AR.

"The loss of these four heroic Marines reminds us of the dangers that our armed forces face while defending our country. We will never forget the sacrifices they made for the cause of freedom. Maria and I wish to convey our deepest sympathies to their families and friends as they mourn this tragic loss and we will continue to pray for their comfort."

Poole, 22, Scripsick, 22, Stock, 26 and Yarbrough, 24 died Sept. 6 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar

province, Iraq. They were all assigned to 3rd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Cpl. Poole, Cpl. Scripsick, Staff Sgt. Stock and Sgt. Yarbrough, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



September 12, 2007

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of El Monte Soldier: Spc. Marisol Heredia

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Marisol Heredia, of El Monte, CA:

"Maria and I pay tribute to Specialist Marisol Heredia for her commitment and dedication, serving in our nation's armed forces. Marisol represented the highest ideals of our country and will be remembered as a champion of freedom. Words cannot adequately convey our sincere appreciation for her service. We extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends and fellow soldiers."

Heredia, 19, died Sept. 7 at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, as a result of injuries suffered from a non-combat related injury on July 18 in Baghdad, Iraq. Heredia was assigned to the 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, United States Army, Fort Hood, TX.

In honor of Spc. Heredia, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



September 12, 2007

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Camp Pendleton Marine: Lance Cpl. Lance M. Clark

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Lance M. Clark, of Cookeville, TN:

"Maria and I wish to express our sincere condolences to the family of Lance Corporal Lance Clark as they grieve the loss of this dedicated Marine. With great sorrow, we add Lance's name to the solemn roll of fallen service members. He served with pride and courage, taking on the great responsibility of protecting our nation."

Clark, 21, died Sept. 7 from a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Clark was assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Lance Cpl. Clark, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



September 13, 2007

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Redding Marine: Cpl. Travis M. Woods

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Travis M. Woods, of Redding, CA:

"Maria and I join all Californians in mourning the tremendous loss of Corporal Travis Woods. A brave and committed Marine, Travis will be forever honored for his willingness to answer the call of duty as a member of our armed forces. We send our prayers and sincere condolences to his family, fellow Marines and the community of Redding during this difficult time."

Woods, 21, died Sept. 9 as a result of wounds suffered while conducting combat operations in Northern Helmand province, Afghanistan. Woods was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, United States Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Cpl. Woods, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



September 20, 2007

Governor Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of San Jose Marine: Cpl. Carlos E. Gil Orozco

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Carlos E. Gil Orozco, of San Jose, CA:

"Californians owe a debt of gratitude to Corporal Carlos Gil Orozco for his sacrifice in defense of liberty. During this incredibly difficult time, Maria and I will continue to pray for the comfort of Carlos's family and friends. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him."

Gil Orozco, 23, died Sept. 10 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Gil Orozco was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, United States Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune, NC.

In honor of Cpl. Gil Orozco, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



September 20, 2007

Gov. Schwarzenegger Issues Statement on Death of Novato Soldier: Spc. Nicholas P. Olson

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Nicholas P. Olson, of Novato, CA:

"Maria and I extend our profound sympathy to the family and friends of Specialist Nicholas Olson, who gave his life with honor to protect our nation and our values. Nicholas' bravery and sacrifice will always be remembered. We will pray for the comfort of his family during this painful time."

Olson, 22, died Sept. 18 as a result of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit during combat operations in Muqdadiyah, Iraq. Olson was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), United States Army, Fort Lewis, WA.

In honor of Spc. Olson, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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